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103 18	203 9	Claims in excess of 20
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109 84	209 42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
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Application of

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Serial No. : 09/989,373  
Filed : December 12, 1997  
Title : APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR ENHANCING ELECTRONIC  
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STATUS INQUIRY

Sir:

This is a status inquiry for the above-identified application. There has been no action on this case since an Advisory Action was mailed on August 25, 2000.

Applicant respectfully requests that a communication indicative of the status of the above application be forwarded to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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